

# 2017-18 Senior Memory Book (8a semester)

## Overview:

During this year (as a student in English 7A & 8A), you will complete a multi-genre book, a Senior Memory Book. It will consist of memories and thoughts from your life so far. It will be completed near the end of the year, however we will be working on it off and on all year, and some pieces will appear in your portfolio each semester.

The final product may be presented in either a scrapbook of your choice or in a loose-leaf, snap-ring binder. The size of the binder or scrapbook will be determined by how much you put into this memory book. To create the best memory book possible, it is important to plan in advance. Use the space provided to make notes outlining your overall plan.

Throughout the memory book writings, there is ample opportunity for reflective writing and self-discovery, but please note the final product will probably end up viewed by both your parents and others, so keep anything too personal to yourself.

## 8A Requirements and Information:

Parts I, II, and III were multi-paragraph compositions completed last semester (you may still revise them if you wish). Simply add the pictures and perfect them for inclusion in the final memory book. If you didn't complete chapter 1 as one of last semester's papers, you will still need to do so for inclusion in your book. ONE additional chapter from 9 – 17 can be added to the final book for bonus points. (You'll need 3, 4 or 5 depending on what you wrote in fall and if you want bonus points – check the checklist for details).

Chapter 1: "Who I Am and Why I'm Me" (Who are you? Where do you live? What are your life goals? How would you describe yourself?)—Reminder: these questions are NOT a prompt – write what defines you. \*  
Recent picture of yourself

Parts IV and V require a bit of "research" and collection on your part. These can take the form of writing in any genre, so experiment. Part IV focus pages and Part V reflections could be collage-type (scrapbook) pages, poetry, art, could be written as bullet points, news articles, dictionary definitions, letters, dialogue, and/or countless other possibilities. Be creative and make each one you complete different from the others. Don't be afraid to go "searching" for ways to make your pages cool and unique. Unless specified, they do not require complete sentences or paragraphs.

**Part IV** – Focus Pages – Complete at least 5 of the 9 Foci and include them in your final book. (Ideas and suggestions – you may change titles or even tweak the topics as suits you)

Focus 1: "Faves: Things I Love" / "My Obsession"

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Focus 2: "Annoying! Things That Bug Me" / "My Biggest Fear"

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Focus 3: "A Special Treasure"

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Focus 4: "Makes Me Tick/Betcha Didn't Know"

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Focus 5: "Spare Time: Favorite Hobby/Activity/Sport"

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Focus 6: "A Day in the Life: My Daily Routine"

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Focus 7: "On the Weekend" (school appropriate)

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Focus 8: "MiTunes/Music I Enjoy"

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Focus 9: "Where in the World?/Places I've Been or Plan to Go"

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**Part V – Epilogue/Reflections – Complete all 3**

Reflection 1: "Life's Lessons: 3 Lessons to Pass On"

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Reflection 2: "Reflections on Faith, Family, and Friends" (Faith does not necessarily have to be religion)

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Reflection 3: "The Next Chapter/ What Comes Next?"

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**Soundtrack** - Information on the Soundtrack assignment will be provided later in the semester.

**Evaluation:**

During Spring Semester (8A) you will complete and finalize focus pages and reflections, submitting them in the final book. (I suggest planning in advance or getting started early). Soundtrack work will be submitted as part of your digital portfolio.

Final Book: If your Senior Memory Book is complete, organized, and shows creativity and thought, your grade on the project as a whole will be no less than an 85%. This means all typed chapters, focus pages, and reflections are included as clean copies(MLA format optional), the chapters are in order, and the REQUIRED pictures are present. The more thorough and creative you are in decorating your book and its pages with extra pictures, drawings, stickers, or other visual enhancements, the higher your grade will be. Any book that does not contain the chapters, focus pages, and reflections requested (4 full chapters, 5 foci, 3 reflections, and soundtrack work) will receive a lower grade regardless of how fancy it is. Any book that is a bunch of "junk" thrown together or is presented in a format other than a scrapbook or binder will not be accepted. Any book handed in after the final due date will receive a MAXIMUM grade of 75%.

Remember the copies in the final book must be printed out in their revised forms and clean of other marks, so save them as you go, in case you need to make changes.

Remind me to give you an Evaluation Rubric nearer the project completion time.